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San Jose State University provides undergraduate and graduate education to the San Francisco region. SJSU operates ITFS channels A1-4 and G1-4.

We have utilized our ITFS channels for the past eighteen years to deliver live instruction each week of the academic year to sites in the San Francisco East Bay, Salinas Valley, and Monterey Bay regions. Currently we broadcast 60 hours of course instruction per week in a variety of fields including Counselor Education, Nursing, Urban Planning, and Health Professions. Without this service, students wanting to enroll in these courses would have reduced access to education, or would incur significant commute costs both financially and in time commitment. By using this technology they also reduce demands on the highway system and thus reduce pollution in the region.

For the near future we plan to continue to offer analog video based instruction to these and other sites in the region. In the long run we may utilize this spectrum to deliver compressed video instruction as well as instructional media resources to sites throughout the region. The University is also investigating options to use these frequencies to address the 2-way wireless data and telecommunications needs of the campus community.

San Jose State University supports the reply comments of the WCA/NIA/CTN and the separate comments and reply comments of NIA/CTN. In particular we feel that the spectrum should be reserved for educational uses and that the current eligibility requirements for ITFS licenses should be retained.